

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the unvulcanized rubber member 19, a substantially V-shaped groove portion Ba is provided at an end of the unvulcanized rubber B (the side-wall rubber layer) in the direction indicated by arrow L. At the end of the unvulcanized rubber B, a lower portion of the groove portion Ba is formed as an inner portion Ba1 along an ~~outer~~-inner surface of a carcass of a product tire, and an upper portion of the groove portion Ba is formed as an outer portion Ba2 along an outer wall surface of the tire.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The ~~vulcanized~~-unvulcanized rubber C (cushion rubber layer) is disposed at the end of the unvulcanized rubber B (side-wall rubber layer) in the direction indicated by arrow R. The unvulcanized rubber C may not necessarily be required, depending on the type of tire.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A first weir 38, which serves as a ~~flaw~~-flow dividing mechanism, is provided at an end of the stepped portion 36 in the direction indicated by arrow D (that is, a portion at which the passage 34a and the passage 34b are connected) so as to protrude toward the passage 34b in the direction indicated by arrow D.